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2 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : DCI Morning Meeting, 2 April 1963

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1. [redacted] covered the considerable number of events of the last twenty-four hours, including the Soviet announcement of a successful unmanned lunar probe, the attempted military coup in Argentina, the assassination of the Laotian Foreign Minister, [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that Ambassador Berger in South Korea delivered President Kennedy's letter to Chairman Park. Park stated that the 25 April referendum will take place, and it was [redacted] view that this would be accompanied with anti-U. S. demonstrations. Mr. Cline described the President's letter as a fairly bland endorsement of the desirability of achieving civil government in Korea as rapidly as possible. [redacted]

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2. Mr. Helms reported that Cardona will be in Washington tomorrow to relinquish his reins as senior Cuban exile and that he would like to see the Director, the President, and the Attorney General during his visit.

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3. I reported on [redacted] stating that the former was already in NPIC and the latter was due for delivery there [redacted] I mentioned that [redacted] was coming up for a postponed go-no-go decision at [redacted] I reported also on the success thus far of [redacted] launched at 01/2300Z, stating that its ephemeris was about as nearly nominal as any we have seen thus far. My status report showed all systems working through Pass 7, and at the time of the meeting the vehicle was on Pass 10 with forty-five percent of the film expended- [redacted] Planned recovery time is 06/0251Z.

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4. Mr. Houston reported on the debriefing of Dr. Schiele, apparently in connection with some problem experienced in the quality of drugs exported to Cuba as part of the ransom. Donovan is on his way to Florida 2 April, apparently in anticipation of action regarding the release of the captive Americans as soon as the current ransom shipments are completed. Mr. Helms said that there are at least three more ships and two more planeloads due before the initial deal is completed. The Cubans reportedly want more powdered milk and baby food.

5. Bill Bundy and Secretary McNamara, together with others, will reportedly go to London next week, at which point there will be discussions [redacted] Bundy has asked ONE for the latest estimate on the Chinese Communist threat to India.

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6. It was reported that Mr. Stewart Alsop is about to do an article on CIA for the SATURDAY EVENING POST. This Alsop was described as being reasonably friendly, and Mr. Kirkpatrick said he hoped that his previous OSS experience would tend to make the article less of a blockbuster than otherwise.

7. General Carter asked about the status of Mid-East planning, and I reported to him that it was due to come up for COMOR consideration again 4 April with the prospect of moving to USIB on 10 April. He said that the Director was hopeful of having a "plan" on his desk when he returned. [redacted]

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General Carter urged that DD/R act promptly to establish an office in the Pentagon in the NRO area, and as he put it, to "infiltrate NRO at all levels". I told him that DD/R already had a draft proposal covering this matter, as well as the scope of work which I was certain Dr. Scoville would discuss with General Carter on his return.

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8. General Carter asked where we stood on the U-2 carrier study, and I gave him a current reporting to the effect that we were now gathering the basic information from which we would be shortly drawing conclusions.

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